



DENTAL ASSISTANT DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS







The following chart outlines the levels of dental assistants allowed in each state, what the requirements are to reach each level, and the duties dental assistants are allowed or not allowed to perform. Below the chart is a list of dental assistant duties that have been developed by the American Dental Assistant Association/Dental Assisting National Board (ADAA/DANB) Alliance. Dental assistants are allowed to perform these tasks, unless indicated that they are NOT allowed to permit certain functions outlined in the chart. Where available, hyperlinks to state rules and guidelines for dental assistants have been provided. Much information was obtained from DANB (www.danb.org); other information was taken from state dental board web sites. This information is provided for informational purposes only; it is not intended as a legal opinion regarding dental assistance requirements in any state

State	Dental Assistant Levels Allowed in Each State	Requirements for Working at each Level	The following functions are NOT permitted by any level of dental assistant (<i>all other functions in list below table are allowed</i>)
AL	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Alabama may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Laser technology
AK	Dental Assistant (Article 3.A.)	A dental assistant in the state of Alaska may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Remove calcareous deposits, accretions, and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth beginning at the epithelial attachment by scaling and polishing techniques; perform root planing and periodontal soft tissue curettage; diagnosing, treatment, planning, and writing prescriptions for drugs; writing authorizations for restorative, prosthetic, or orthodontic appliances; operative or surgical; procedures on hard or soft tissues; other procedures that require the professional competence and skill of a dentist or licensed dental hygienist.
	Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing procedures (Article 3.A.)	To perform coronal polishing procedures in the state of Alaska under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a certificate in coronal polishing. To qualify, one must: ☐☐☐ Successfully complete a program of instruction approved by the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners.	
	Dental Assistant qualified in restorative functions (Article 3.A.)	To perform restorative functions in the state of Alaska under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a certificate in restorative functions. To qualify, one must: ☐☐☐ Successfully complete a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or other course of instruction approved by the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners AND ☐☐☐ Pass the Western Regional Examining Board's restorative examination or other equivalent examination approved by the board within the five years preceding the dental assistant's certificate application	

		<p><u>OR</u> Have legal authorization from another state or jurisdiction to perform restorative functions.</p>	
AR	Dental Assistant (Subchapter4)	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Arkansas may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the personal supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Scaling, root planing, and curettage; final placement of orthodontic brackets; placement, seating, or removal of any final or permanent restorations; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescription, injection, inhalation, and parenteral administration of drugs (except where permitted by the Arkansas Board); any procedure that contributes to or results in irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy; those functions relegated to a dental hygienist.</p>
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) (Article XVII, section E.)	<p>A Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of Arkansas is an individual who holds a permit from the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to perform one or more of the expanded functions listed on the opposite page. To obtain RDA status, one must:</p> <p>☐☐Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification</p> <p><u>OR</u> Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program</p> <p><u>AND</u> ☐☐Apply to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners Dental assistants who do not meet the above qualifications may still earn RDA status by completing the following requirements: <i><u>Coronal polishing:</u></i> Successfully complete an Arkansas board-approved course in coronal polishing, pass an Arkansas board-approved coronal polishing exam, and apply to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners <i><u>Monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia:</u></i> Successfully complete an Arkansas board-approved nitrous oxide administration and monitoring course and submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners</p>	
AZ	Dental Assistant (Article 7)	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Arizona may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Taking final impressions for any activating orthodontic appliance, fixed or removable prosthesis; intraoral carvings of dental restorations or prostheses; a procedure which by law only licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, or certified denturists can perform; final jaw registrations; activating orthodontic appliances; an irreversible procedure</p>
	<p>Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing procedures</p>	<p>To perform coronal polishing procedures in the state of Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <p>☐☐Pass the Arizona Coronal Polishing exam (administered by DANB)</p> <p><u>AND</u> ☐☐Submit an Arizona Coronal Polishing Clinical Skills Affidavit (completed by a licensed dentist or a coronal polishing educator/course instructor) to DANB</p> <p><u>AND</u> ☐☐Receive the Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate, sent upon successful completion of the Arizona Coronal Polishing exam and submission of the</p>	

		Arizona Coronal Polishing Clinical Skills Affidavit to DANB	
	Dental Assistant with certificate in radiologic proficiency (Article 2, Sec. R4-11-204.)	To be eligible for dental assistant radiography certification by credential , an applicant shall have a current certificate or other form of approval for taking dental radiographs, issued by a professional licensing agency in another jurisdiction of the United States that required successful completion of written and clinical dental radiography examinations or a single dental radiography examination with written and clinical components.	
CA	Unlicensed Dental Assistant	<p>An unlicensed dental assistant in the state of California may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page).</p> <p>A dentist must ensure that dental assistants in continuous employment for 120 days or more have proof of completing all of the following within a year from date of employment:</p> <p>☐☐A California Dental Board-approved course in the California Dental Practice Act</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐A California Dental Board-approved course in infection control</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐An AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support which includes hands-on simulated clinical scenarios</p> <p>All dental assistants must maintain BLS certification.</p>	Placement, condensation, carving, or removal of permanent restorations, including final cementation procedures; oral prophylaxis procedures; tTaking of impressions for prosthodontic appliances, bridges, or any other structures which may be worn in the mouth; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue; fitting and adjusting of correctional and prosthodontic appliances; prescription of medicines; irrigation and medication of canals, try-in cones, reaming, filing, or filling of root canals; administration of injectable and/or general anesthesia
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	<p>To be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of California, one must:</p> <p>☐☐Graduate from a California Board-approved RDA educational program</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Complete 15 months of work experience as a dental assistant</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control within 5 years prior to application for licensure</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass a state written and practical exam</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass a state written exam in law and ethics</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐Apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant to the Dental Board of California</p>	

Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF)	<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of California, a dental assistant must be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF). To register as an RDAEF, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Hold a valid license as an RDA (see below) <p><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete the requirements for licensure as an RDA <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete a California Board-approved course for application of pit and fissure sealants <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete a California Board-approved extended functions educational program <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Pass a California Board-approved written exam, and a state clinical or practical exam <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Apply to the Dental Board of California for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions 	
<p>Orthodontic Assistant (OA) [effective 2010]</p>	<p>To hold an Orthodontic Assistant permit in the state of California, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Complete at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete California board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support, or any other course approved by the California board as equivalent <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete a California board-approved orthodontic assistant course (may begin after six months of work experience as a dental assistant) <p><u>AND THEN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Pass a state written exam in orthodontic duties <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Apply for Orthodontic Assistant permit to the Dental Board of California 	
<p>Dental Sedation Assistant [effective 2010]</p>	<p>To hold a Dental Sedation Assistant permit in the state of California, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Complete at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support 	

		<p><u>AND</u>   Successfully complete a board-approved dental sedation assistant course (may begin after six months of work experience as a dental assistant)</p> <p><u>AND THEN</u>   Pass a state written exam in dental sedation duties</p> <p><u>AND</u>   Apply for Dental Sedation Assistant permit to the Dental Board of California</p>	
CO	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Colorado may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. Note: Dental assistants who render patient care services in a dental setting where anesthesia/sedation and/or nitrous oxide/oxygen is administered must have proof of current basic life support (BLS) knowledge and skills.</p>	Scaling (supra- and sub- gingival), as it pertains to the practice of dental hygiene; diagnosis; treatment planning; prescription of therapeutic measures; any procedure that contributes to or results in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy; administration of local anesthesia; root planning; soft tissue curettage; periodontal probing; placement of local therapeutic agents.
	Expanded Duties Dental Assistant	<p>Some dental assistants in the state of Colorado may choose to complete an Expanded Duties Dental Assistant (EDDA) educational program. The EDDA designation is not recognized by the Colorado State Board of Dental Examiners and does not qualify a dental assistant to perform expanded duties in the state. Note: To administer and induce conscious analgesia solely by means of nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation techniques, a dental assistant must complete a course in a CODA-accredited program or an institution certified by the Colorado Department of Higher Education Division of Private Occupational Schools. The course must have a minimum of 16 hours, including 4 patient contact hours. The dental assistant must submit proof of compliance to the Colorado Board of Dental Examiners.</p>	
CT	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Connecticut may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	The placing, finishing, and adjustment of temporary or final restorations, capping materials, and cement bases; the taking of any impression of the teeth or jaws or the relationship of the teeth or jaws for the purpose of fabricating any appliance or prosthesis; diagnosis for procedures or treatment; prescribing of drugs or medications which require the written or oral order of a licensed dentist or physician; administration of local, parenteral, inhalation or general anesthetic agents in connection with any dental operative procedure; the cutting or removal of any hard or soft tissue or suturing; practicing of dental hygiene as defined in the Connecticut Dental Practice Act.
DE	Dental Assistant	In the state of Delaware, competency of Dental Assistants in specific duties is	Diagnosis and treatment planning; cutting of hard

		<p>determined by the supervising dentist. The dentist is given full responsibility in deciding the scope of work to be allocated to the dental assistant.</p> <p>Adequate training of dental assistants is solely the responsibility of the dentist. In summary, the Delaware Dental Board places full responsibility for the work done by dental assistants directly upon the dentist.</p>	<p>and/or soft tissues; any intra-oral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of an appliance and/or restoration which, when received by the patient, would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissue and which could result in tissue irritation or injury; those procedures allocated by the Dental Code to registered dental hygienists</p>
DC	Dental Auxiliary	<p>A dental auxiliary in the District of Columbia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>The charting of cavities during preliminary examination, prophylaxis, or polishing; the intraoral polishing of a tooth or a restoration; placing, carving, or finishing of amalgam restorations; temporary wire ligation; the instruction of individuals or groups of individuals in oral health care, unless it is in the dental office and done as instructed by the dentist; final positioning of orthodontic bonds and bands; condensing, contouring or adjusting any final, fixed or removable prosthodontic appliance or restoration in the mouth 33. Placing and finishing of composite resin/silicate restorations; application of cavity liners and bases; the application of pit and fissure sealants; placement of temporary restorations; administering or monitoring nitrous oxide; performing final diagnosis and treatment planning; performing surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescribing or parenterally; administering drugs or medications; administering inhalants or inhalation conscious sedation agents; authorizing work orders for any appliance or prosthetic device or restoration to be inserted into a patient's mouth; operating high speed rotary instruments in the mouth; performing pulp capping procedures; orthodontic arch wire activation with the exception of minor adjustments to eliminate pain or discomfort; taking impressions for master casts to be used for prosthetic restoration of teeth or oral structures; final cementation of crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, posts and cores, and insertion of final prosthesis; placing sutures; flushing root canals; the performing of a diagnostic screening to identify indications of oral abnormalities; a preliminary dental examination; a complete prophylaxis, including the removal of any</p>
	Dental Auxiliary qualified in designated expanded functions	<p>To perform designated expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the District of Columbia, an auxiliary <i>must</i>:</p> <p>☐☐ Satisfactorily complete training in a CERP-approved program</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Satisfactorily complete a training program or course recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Satisfactorily complete a training program or course recognized by DANB.</p> <p>Note: A dentist may delegate designated expanded functions to an auxiliary who does not meet these requirements if the auxiliary had been performing the tasks for at least three (3) months prior to the effective date of these regulations, 1/9/09*, and has demonstrated competency to perform the tasks to the supervising dentist's satisfaction.</p>	

			deposits, diseased crevicular tissue, accretion, or stain from the surface of a tooth or a restoration; administering or monitoring general anesthetics and conscious sedation; administering or monitoring local anesthesia
FL	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Florida may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. Note: On-the-job trained dental assistants in Florida must be trained in the dental office under the supervision of a licensed dentist who assumes full responsibility for assuring that the dental assistant so trained is competent to perform the tasks.	Gingival curettage and root planning; taking impressions for the purpose of fabricating any intraoral restorations or orthodontic appliance; initial access preparation
	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant	Dental assistants in the state of Florida must have formal training to perform the expanded functions listed on the opposite page. To earn status to perform expanded functions, one must: ☐☐ Graduate from a CODA- accredited dental assisting program, provided that it included appropriate training in the function OR Successfully complete a Florida Board-approved expanded duties training program	
GA	Dental Assistant (§ 43-11-9.)	A dental assistant in the state of Georgia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Utilize laser equipment and technology; utilize intraorally micro etching and/or air polishing equipment and technologies; any operations catalogued as dental hygiene treatments
	Expanded Duty Dental Assistant	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Georgia, a dental assistant <u>must</u> earn status as an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) . To qualify as an EDDA, one must: ☐☐ Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent AND ☐☐ Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification AND ☐☐ Provide documentation of successful completion of a Georgia Board-approved course pertaining to the specific expanded duties outlined in that certificate. (A national DANB Certified Dental Assistant [CDA] Certification is one of the ways by which an assistant may qualify to enroll in a Georgia Board-approved course.)	
HI	Dental Assistant (Subchapter 7)	A dental assistant in the state of Hawaii may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.	Placing of retractions, cords, or other devices for tissue displacement for crown and bridge impressions; coronal polishing with a rubber cup or

		There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	brush; irrigation, medication, or drying of canals; reaming, filing, trying in cones, or filling of root canals; or establish length of tooth; placement, condensation, carving, finishing, or adjustment of final restorations; placement of pulp capping materials and cement bases; or any cementation procedures; any intra-oral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of any appliance or prosthesis which, when worn by the patient, would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissues; test pulp vitality; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissues, or extraction of teeth; prescription or injection of drugs; administration of injectable or general anesthesia and acupuncture; adjust or attempt to adjust any prosthodontic or correctional appliance to be worn in the mouth; cementation or bonding of any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance; use of ultrasonic equipment to remove cement or calculus; prophylaxis or removal of stains, accretions, or deposits from the teeth; polishing of restorations; any diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of human teeth or jaws or adjacent structure; intra-orally adjust occlusion of inlays, crowns, bridges, or any restoration; intra-orally finish margins of inlays, crowns, or bridges; cement or recement permanently any cast restoration or stainless steel crown; elevate soft-tissue flaps; establish occlusal vertical dimension for dentures; try-in of dentures set in wax; curette to sever epithelial attachment; insertion and post-insertion adjustments of dentures; suture; write a prescription for authorization to fabricate restorative prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances
ID	Dental Assistant (Rule 035)	A dental assistant in the state of Idaho may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Placement or carving of permanent restorative materials in any manner; definitive diagnosis or treatment planning; any procedure using lasers; administration of any general anesthetic, infiltration anesthetic, or any injectable nerve block procedure; any oral prophylaxis, defined as the removal of plaque, calculus, and stains from the exposed and
	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (Rule	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Idaho, a dental assistant <i>must</i> be Board-qualified in	

	035.03)	<p>expanded functions. To qualify, one must:</p> <p>☐☐Hold a current national DANB Certification <u>OR</u> Successfully complete an Idaho Board-approved course in the fundamentals of dental assisting <u>AND</u> ☐☐Successfully complete an Idaho Board-approved competency exam in each of the expanded functions</p>	unexposed surfaces of the teeth by scaling and polishing
IL	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Illinois may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	Removal of calculus from teeth; performing supragingival or subgingival scaling; placing and finishing composite restorations; applying cavity bases; taking of final impressions for the fabricating of prosthetic appliances, crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, or other restorative or replacement dentistry; performing pulp vitality tests; condensing or carving amalgam restorations; diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structures; removal of, restoration of, or addition to the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity; any and all correction of malformation of teeth or of the jaws; administration of anesthetics except for topical anesthetics and monitoring of nitrous oxide, as specified; the operative procedure of dental hygiene consisting of oral prophylactic procedures except for coronal polishing, as specified; making denture adjustments; permanently cementing permanent crowns or bridges; permanently re-cementing permanent crowns or bridges that have come loose; placement of any chemotherapeutic agent for the management of periodontal disease; cementing bands and/or bonding brackets; air polishing
	Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions	<p>To perform expanded functions under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Illinois, a dental assistant <u>must</u> earn state qualification in each of the desired expanded functions. To qualify, one must:</p> <p>☐☐Be at least 18 years of age <u>AND</u> ☐☐Complete 1,000 hours of clinical dental assisting experience <u>OR</u> Complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program <u>OR</u> Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification <u>AND</u> ☐☐Complete an approved course relative to the expanded function in question, subject to specific didactic and clinical requirements <u>OR</u> Provide proof of completion of an approved dental assisting program that contained the expanded function in the curriculum Note: In order to monitor patients while nitrous oxide is being administered, dental assistants must maintain current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.</p>	
IN	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Indiana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting, except for Radiology Requirements.</p>	Diagnosis and treatment planning; cutting of hard or soft tissues; any intraoral impression which would lead to the fabrication of a final prosthetic appliance; removing calcific deposits or accretions from the surfaces of human teeth or cleaning or

	<p>Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing and Dental Assistant qualified in fluoride administration</p>	<p>To perform coronal polishing procedures in the state of Indiana under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must: <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Successfully complete a board-approved curriculum for polishing the coronal surface of teeth To administer fluoride in the state of Indiana under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must: <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Successfully complete a board-approved curriculum for applying medicaments for the control or prevention of dental caries Dental</p>	<p>polishing such teeth (except coronal polishing, as permitted by meeting the requirements); applying and using within the patient's mouth such antiseptic sprays, washes, or medicaments for the control or prevention of dental caries (except for applying medicaments, as permitted by meeting the requirements); treating gum disease; using impressions and x-ray photographs for treatment purposes; administering local dental anesthetics</p>
IA	Dental Assistant Trainee	<p>In order to work as a dental assistant in the state of Iowa, an individual must be 17 years of age, be a high school graduate or equivalent, and be registered with the Iowa Dental Board and have received a Certificate of Registration. To qualify as a Dental Assistant Trainee in Iowa, one must: <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Within 12 months of employment, successfully complete an Iowa board-approved course of study and exam in the areas of infection control (the DANB ICE Exam)/ hazardous materials and jurisprudence AND <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Apply to the Iowa Dental Board for registration as a Dental Assistant Trainee and receive a Certificate of Registration Note: A Dental Assistant Trainee's employer must notify the Iowa Dental Board in writing of such employment within seven days of the initial employment as a dental assistant.</p>	<p>Removal of any plaque, stain, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish, or removal of any calculus; placement of sealants; diagnosis, examination, treatment planning, or prescription, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances; surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues within the oral cavity and any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration to the oral anatomy; administration of local anesthesia; procedures that require the professional judgement and skill of a dentist</p>
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	<p>To qualify as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in Iowa, one must: <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Work in a dental office for six months as a Dental Assistant Trainee (see requirements listed below). OR Have had at least six months of prior dental assisting experience under a licensed dentist within the past two years OR Graduate from a post-secondary dental assisting program AND <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Successfully complete an Iowa board-approved course of study and exam in the areas of infection control (the DANB ICE Exam)/ hazardous materials and jurisprudence AND <input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/> Apply to the Iowa Dental Board for registration as an RDA and receive a Certificate of Registration</p>	
	Registered Dental	Dentists may delegate an expanded function duty (see listing on opposite	

	Assistant with expanded functions training	page) to a Registered Dental Assistant (see below) if the assistant has completed Iowa board-approved training in that specific function. Documentation of training must be available, if requested. To qualify for expanded function training, a dental assistant must be DANB Certified or hold a minimum of two years of clinical dental assisting experience as an RDA.	
KS	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Kansas may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Any and all removal of or addition to the hard or soft tissue of the oral cavity; any and all diagnosis of or prescription for treatment for disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure; any and all correction of malformation of teeth or of the jaws; any and all administration of general or local anesthesia of any nature in connection with a dental operation; a prophylaxis (except coronal polishing and scaling as defined in "Allowable Functions;" see opposite page)
	Dental Assistant with expanded duties training	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Kansas, a dental assistant must become qualified as follows: <u>Coronal polishing</u> : The dental assistant must undergo appropriate training by a licensed dentist. <u>Coronal scaling</u> : The dental assistant must successfully complete a Kansas Board-approved course of instruction. <u>Assisting in the administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide and/or oxygen</u> : The dental assistant must successfully complete a Kansas Board-approved course of instruction which includes six hours of instruction at a CODA-accredited teaching program.	
KY	Dental Assistant	Dentistry. A dental assistant in the state of Kentucky may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting Dental Assistant.	Subgingival and supragingival scaling; the making of final impressions from which casts are made to construct any dental restoration; placement of final impressions; placement and removal of actisite; administering local anesthetic agents by infiltration or block; brush biopsy; diagnosis; general supervision; administering nitrous oxide analgesia; probing; root planning; place sutures; the practice of dental hygiene or the performance of the duties of a licensed dental hygienist that require the use of any instrumentation which may elicit the removal of calcareous deposits or accretions on the crowns and roots of teeth; treatment planning and prescription, including prescriptions for drugs or medicaments, or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances; surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity, or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy
	Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing	To perform coronal polishing procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Kentucky, a dental assistant must successfully complete an eight-hour course developed by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry.	
LA	Dental Assistant (Ch. 5)	A dental assistant in the state of Louisiana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite	The removal of calculus, deposits, or accretions from the natural and restored surfaces of teeth or

		page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	dental implants in the human mouth using hand, ultrasonic, sonic, or air polishing instruments; final placement of orthodontic bands or brackets except in indirect bonding procedures in which the dentist has either performed the final placement of the brackets on the model or when the dentist has written a detailed prescription to the laboratory for placement of the bracket; placement or finishing of any final restoration; the taking of an impression for a final fixed or removable restoration or prosthesis; periodontal screening and probing, or subgingival exploration for hard and soft deposits and sulcular irrigations; root planing or the smoothing and polishing of roughened root surfaces using hand, ultrasonic, or sonic instruments; placement and removal of antimicrobial agents; comprehensive examination or diagnosis and treatment planning; a surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue including laser and micro abrasion reduction of tooth material; prescription of a drug, medication, or work authorization; final placement and intraoral adjustment of a fixed appliance; final placement and intraoral or extraoral adjustment of a removable appliance; making of any intraoral occlusal adjustment; performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy; administration of a local anesthetic, parenteral, Intravenous (IV), inhalation sedative agent, or any general anesthetic agent
	Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) (Ch. 5)	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Louisiana, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) . To qualify, one must: ☐☐ Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, providing documentation that training was provided in all functions which EDDAs are allowed to perform. If a dental assistant's training is deemed inadequate, the assistant must undergo remediation in a Louisiana board-approved program or complete an expanded duty dental assistant program approved by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry	
ME	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Maine may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Examination, diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures; prescribing drugs; performing pulp capping; placement and adjustment of prosthetic appliances; administration of anesthesia or sedation; use of power-driven handpieces/instruments to remove amalgam or composite material or for the equilibration of patient occlusion.
	DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)	Dental assistants who hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification are qualified in the state of Maine to perform the functions listed on the opposite page.	
	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Maine, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) . To qualify, one must: ☐☐ Be at least 18 years of age <u>AND</u>	

		<p>Be certified in CPR AND Be a current DANB CDA OR be a current Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) AND Be Successfully complete a Maine Board-approved course AND Be Successfully complete the Maine Board of Dental Examiners' jurisprudence exam AND Be Apply for state EFDA certification from the Maine Board of Dental Examiners</p>	
MD	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Maryland may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Oral prophylactic procedures, including scaling, root planing, and polishing teeth; placing or removing an arch wire; placing elastics or ligatures; repairing or fitting orthodontic bands; condensing, carving, or finishing any restoration; placing an initial surgical dressing; apply pit and fissure sealants; examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning; surgery on hard or soft tissues; administering injectable local anesthesia; initiation of treatment at any time for the correction of malocclusions and malformations of the teeth or jaws; adjusting occlusion of natural teeth, restorations, or appliances; registration of jaw relations; selecting headgear; adjusting prosthetic appliances; cementing of orthodontic bands, placement of bonded attachments or the removal of cement or bonded orthodontic bands and attachments; cementing permanent crowns or restorations</p> <p>* Some of these functions may be permitted by Dental Assistants Qualified in Orthodontics; see this state's "Orthodontic Assisting" template</p>
	Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties	<p>To perform expanded functions in the state of Maryland, a dental assistant <u>must</u> register as a Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties. To qualify, one must: Be Complete a training program (minimum of 35 hours) approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners and pass the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam administered by DANB OR Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam AND Be Apply to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners for state recognition as a Maryland Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties</p>	
	Dental Assistant Qualified in Orthodontics	<p>To perform orthodontic functions in the state of Maryland, a dental assistant <u>must</u> register as a Dental Assistant Qualified in Orthodontics. To qualify, one must: Be Complete a training program (minimum of 35 hours) approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners and pass the Maryland Orthodontic Assisting Expanded Functions (MDO) exam administered by DANB OR Pass the national DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam AND Be Apply to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners for state recognition as a Maryland Dental Assistant Qualified in Orthodontics</p>	
MA	On-the-Job Trained	An On-the-Job Trained Dental Assistant in the state of Massachusetts must be	Place permanent or bonded restorations in or on

	Dental Assistant	trained in the dental office under the supervision of a licensed dentist.	natural teeth; apply cavity liner or base material; take impressions for fabrications of restorations, appliances, or prostheses; condense or carve amalgam or composite restorations; diagnose oral conditions; treatment plans for dental services; surgically cut or remove hard or soft tissue (not to include gingival curettage); prescribe medications or drugs; administer general anesthesia, parenteral sedation or conscious sedation; administer local anesthesia; perform extractions; place sutures; perform endodontic therapy; intraorally finish margins or adjust the occlusion of restorations; fabricate dentures; adjust dentures; permanently cement or recement cast restorations or stainless steel crowns; perform orthodontic therapy; apply or finish composite or bonding materials for restorative or cosmetic procedures; perform any other procedure prohibited by the Board
	Formally Trained Dental Assistant	To perform expanded functions in the state of Massachusetts, a dental assistant <u>must</u> earn one of the following designations: Formally Trained Dental Assistant (FTA) or DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) . To qualify as an FTA , one must: ☐☐Successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program that has included a course in radiological techniques and safeguards	
	DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)	To qualify as a DANB CDA , one must: ☐☐Hold a current national DANB CDA Certification	
	DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA)	To perform orthodontic functions in the state of Massachusetts, a dental assistant must earn the national DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) Certification.	
MI	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Michigan may perform basic supportive dental specified by the state dental practice act under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Taking impressions for any purpose other than study or opposing models; diagnosing, or prescribing for, any of the following: disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition; cutting of hard and soft tissue; removal of any of the following: accretions, stains, or calculus deposits; deep scaling; root planning; any intra-oral restorative procedures; administration of any of the following: local anesthesia, nitrous oxide analgesia, or acupuncture; irrigation and medication of root canals, try-in of cones or points, filing, or filling of root canals; permanent cementation of any restoration or appliance
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	To become licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of Michigan, one must: ☐☐Receive a degree or certificate of dental assisting from an accredited program of dental assisting meeting Michigan board requirements AND ☐☐Pass the Michigan board comprehensive and clinical exam or pass an equivalent exam in another state (proof of out-of-state licensure required) AND ☐☐Apply for a license to the Michigan Board of Dentistry	
	Registered Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions	To perform the expanded functions listed on the opposite page under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Michigan, a Registered Dental Assistant must be licensed by the Michigan Board of Dentistry. To obtain a license, one must: ☐☐Be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (<i>see below</i>) AND ☐☐Complete a course in the desired functions at a CODA-accredited dental assisting program meeting board requirements	
MN	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Minnesota may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite	Scaling of teeth; diagnosis, including interpretation of dental radiographs and treatment planning;

		page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	cutting of tooth structure; surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissues; prescription, injection, and parenteral administration of drugs; final bending of archwire prior to ligations; administration of general anesthesia or conscious sedation
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	To earn status as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) , dental assistants in the state of Minnesota must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Graduate from a CODA- accredited dental assisting program <u>OR</u> Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Complete a Board-approved course in expanded functions in Minnesota <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Pass the Minnesota Registration exam within five years prior to application for registration <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Pass the Minnesota Jurisprudence Exam <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Apply for registration to the Minnesota Board of Dentistry Note: All regulated dental assistants must be current in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) at the Health Care Provider level.	
	Registered Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions	To perform expanded functions under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Minnesota, Registered Dental Assistants must complete a CODA- accredited course in each of the expanded functions listed on the opposite page.	
MS	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Mississippi may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. All dental assistants involved in direct patient care must be certified in CPR (within 180 days of employment.) There are no other education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Placement of any subgingival medicated cords; Carve and place amalgams; place matrix bands; The taking of any impression of the human mouth or oral structure that will be used in the restoration, repair, or replacement of any natural or artificial teeth or for the fabrication or repair of any dental appliance; periodontal screening and probing, or subgingival explorations for hard or soft deposits and sulcular irrigations; use of ultrasonic and/or sonic instruments; placement or cementation in inlays, permanent crowns, fixed bridges, removable bridges, partial dentures, or full dentures; equilibration or adjustment of occlusion on natural or artificial dentition, restoration, or sealants; activation or adjustments of orthodontic appliances; Injections of drugs, medication, or anesthetics; Performing pulp capping, pulpotomy, and other endodontic therapy; intraoral restorative procedures; the removal of calcareous deposits with

			an instrument; brush biopsies; remove facial hair with lasers; administer Oraqix
MO	Dental Assistant	An dental assistant in the state of Missouri may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Scaling of teeth; diagnosis, including interpretation of dental radiographs and treatment planning; cutting of tooth structure; surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissues; prescription, injection, and parenteral administration of drugs; final bending of archwire prior to ligations; administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia
	Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Missouri, a dental assistant must: ☐☐ Pass the Missouri Basic Dental Assisting Skills Exam (administered by DANB) AND ☐☐ Complete the appropriate Missouri Board-approved expanded functions course(s) AND ☐☐ Pass a Missouri Board-approved competency exam and provide proof of competence to the Missouri Dental Board Note: Dental assistants may assist the administration of and monitor nitrous oxide analgesia under direct supervision if they meet the following requirements: • Successfully complete formal certified training in a course approved by the Missouri Dental Board AND • Pass an approved competency test regarding clinical and didactic training or hold certification in another state to assist the administration of and monitoring nitrous oxide subsequent to equivalent training and testing	
	DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)	Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs) who have graduated from accredited dental assisting programs in Missouri and are currently Certified by DANB may perform expanded functions. CDAs who were Certified prior to June 1, 1995, or who are graduating from programs outside of Missouri may perform expanded functions if they: ☐☐ Complete a Missouri Board- approved expanded functions course AND ☐☐ Pass an approved competency exam and can provide proof of competence	
MT	Dental Auxiliary	A dental auxiliary in the state of Montana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. To qualify, one must: ☐☐ Graduate from a CODA- accredited dental assisting program OR Receive instruction and training by a licensed dentist OR Receive instruction and training in a board-approved continuing education	Placing, carving, or condensing any permanent restorations; taking final impressions of the involved arch for crowns, bridges, implant prosthesis, partial or complete dentures; diagnosis and treatment planning; cutting hard or soft tissue or extracting teeth; prescribing any drugs; administering or dispensing any drug, without the prior authorization of the supervising dentist; administering intravenous and intramuscular injections or local

		course	anesthetic; bonding or cementing any fixed prosthesis, including veneers, except for provisionals; bonding or cementing orthodontic brackets or orthodontic appliances that would provide activation upon cementation; placing sulcular medicinal or therapeutic materials; periodontal probing; prophylaxis
NE	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Nebraska may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. Note: Dental assistants who monitor nitrous oxide analgesia must hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.	Placing and packing retraction cords; placing and condensing amalgam restorations by the assistant; performing supragingival scaling; placing and finishing composite resin restorations; applying cavity liners and bases; applying pit and fissure sealants; taking final impressions for dentures; taking final impressions for crown and bridge; carving amalgams; remove excess set cement from coronal surfaces of teeth with an instrument (other than for temporary restorations); bending archwires; polishing amalgams; cementing bands and/or bonding brackets; placing tetracycline periodontal fibers; placing dentinal bonding agents; applying enamel/dentin etching agents; cementing permanent restorations; atraumatic restorative therapy (ART); adjustments to dentures and/or partials; applying bleaching products; performing denture adjustments
	Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing	To perform coronal polishing procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Nebraska, a dental assistant must: ▯▯Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program which includes a coronal polishing course OR ▯▯Complete one year (1,500 hours minimum) of clinical work experience as a dental assistant and a Nebraska Board-approved course in polishing procedures	
NV	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Nevada may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	The diagnosis, treatment planning, or prescribing of drugs or medicaments, or authorizing the use of restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances; surgery on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that may contribute to or result in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy; the administration of general anesthesia, conscious sedation, or deep sedation except as otherwise authorized by regulations adopted by the Nevada Board; the performance of a task outside the authorized scope of practice of the employee who is being assigned the task
NH	Dental Assistant (Part 401)	A dental assistant in the state of New Hampshire may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental	Diagnosis, treatment planning, and prescriptions (including prescriptions for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances); surgical procedures on

	DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) (Part 401)	<p>assisting.</p> <p>Dental assistants who hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification are qualified in the state of New Hampshire to perform the functions listed on the opposite page.</p> <p>*Dental assistants in the state of New Hampshire can earn status as a Graduate Dental Assistant by graduating from a CODA-accredited program of dental assisting.</p>	hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity; or any other intra-oral procedure that contributes to, or results in, an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy
	Graduate Dental Assistant (GDA) qualified to perform expanded functions	<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Hampshire, a dental assistant <i>must</i> be qualified as follows:: <i>Coronal polishing ; Dental sealants; In-office tooth whitening; Monitor nitrous oxide administration; Orthodontic Duties; Preliminary inspection of the oral cavity; Provisional crown and bridge restorations;</i></p>	
NJ	Unregistered Dental Assistant (Pg. 8)	<p>An unregistered dental assistant in the state of New Jersey may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	None specified
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) (Pg. 8)	<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Jersey, dental assistants must be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).</p> <p>To register as an RDA, one must:</p> <p>☐☐ Successfully complete high school or its equivalent</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Pass DANB's national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam (within 10 years prior to application)</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Graduate from a New Jersey Board-approved CODA-accredited dental assisting program (within 10 years prior to application)</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Obtain at least two years' work experience as a dental assistant (within five years prior to application), successfully complete a Board-approved program in expanded functions, and pass the New Jersey Expanded Duties - General Exam (administered by DANB)</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Obtain at least two years' work experience as a dental assistant (within five years prior to application) and pass the New Jersey Expanded Duties - General Exam (administered by DANB)</p> <p><u>AND</u></p>	

		<p>☐☐Apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry</p>	
NM	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of New Mexico is an individual who may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist (see notes on opposite page). There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assistant.</p>	<p>Final impressions for restorations or prosthetic appliances ; removal of, or addition to, the hard or soft tissue of the oral cavity; diagnosis and treatment planning; fitting and adaptation of prostheses; final fitting, adaptation, seating and cementation of any fixed or removable dental appliance or restoration, including but not limited to inlays, crowns, space maintainers, habit devices or splints; irrigation and medication of canals, cone try-in, reaming, filing or filling of root canals; other services defined as the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene</p>
	Dental Assistant with state certification in expanded functions	<p>To perform expanded functions under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Mexico, a dental assistant must earn state certification. To qualify, one must:</p> <p><u>Rubber cup coronal polishing:</u></p> <p>☐☐Successfully complete a Board- approved training program <u>and/or</u> assist with/observe five cases of rubber cup coronal polishing <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass DANB’s written exam on rubber cup coronal polishing <u>and then</u></p> <p>☐☐Perform rubber cup coronal polishing (under Board-approved supervision) in five cases <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass the state take-home jurisprudence exam <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Apply for state certification in coronal polishing to the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care (NMBDHC)</p> <p><u>Pit and Fissure Sealants:</u></p> <p>☐☐Have 2,080 hours of dental assisting chairside experience in the two years prior to application <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Successfully complete a Board- approved training program <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Assist with/observe twelve cases of application of pit and fissure sealants <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass DANB’s written exam on pit and fissure sealants <u>and then</u></p> <p>☐☐Apply pit and fissure sealants (under Board-approved supervision) in five cases <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass the state take-home jurisprudence exam <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Apply for state certification in pit and fissure sealants to the NMBDHC</p> <p><u>Topical Fluoride:</u></p> <p>☐☐Successfully complete a Board- approved training program <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Assist with/observe five cases of application of topical fluoride <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass DANB’s written exam on topical fluoride <u>and then</u></p> <p>☐☐Apply topical fluoride (under Board-approved supervision) in five cases <u>and</u></p> <p>☐☐Pass the state take-home jurisprudence exam <u>and</u></p>	

		<p>☑☑Apply for state certification in topical fluoride to the NMBDHC</p>	
NY	Unlicensed Dental Assistant	There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	<p>Diagnosing; performing surgical procedures; performing irreversible procedures; performing procedures that would alter the hard or soft tissue of the oral and maxillofacial area; removing calcareous deposits, accretions and stains, including scaling and planing of exposed root surfaces indicated for complete prophylaxis; applying topical agents indicated for a complete dental prophylaxis; removing excess cement from surfaces of the teeth; providing patient education; polishing teeth, including existing restorations; charting caries and periodontal conditions as an aid to diagnosis by the dentist; applying pit and fissure sealants; applying a topical medication not related to a complete dental prophylaxis; placing periodontal dressings; such dental supportive services that a certified dental assistant would not reasonably be qualified to perform based upon meeting the requirements for certification as a certified dental assistant and/or obtaining additional legally authorized experience in the practice of certified dental assisting.</p>
	Dental Assistant with a Limited Permit	A person who has met the first three eligibility requirements listed below (under state licensed requirements) may apply for a limited (one-year) permit prior to taking and passing the exam requirements. A limited permittee may perform all tasks designated to certified dental assistants, under the direct personal supervision of a licensed dentist. The permit expires after one year and <u>may</u> be renewed for an additional year.	
	NY state licensed certified dental assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of New York must be licensed in order to perform supportive services under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. To be licensed in the state of New York, one must:</p> <p>☑☑Be at least 17 years of age</p> <p>☑☑Be a high school graduate or its equivalent</p> <p>☑☑Successfully complete <u>one of the two education options listed below:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an approved one-year course of study in dental assisting in a degree-granting institution or a board of cooperative educational services program that includes at least 200 hours of clinical experience <u>OR</u> • an alternate course of study in dental assisting acceptable to the New York State Education Department that includes at least 1,000 hours of relevant work experience in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations. <p>☑☑Successfully complete <u>one of the two exam pathways listed below:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PATHWAY I: Pass all three components of the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Exam: Radiation Health & Safety (RHS), Infection Control (ICE), and General Chairside (GC) <p><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PATHWAY II: Pass the New York Professional Dental Assisting (NYPDA) exam along with DANB's RHS and ICE component exams. <p>☑☑Apply for licensure from the New York State Education Department after completing all of the above requirements</p>	
NC	Dental Assistant I (DA I)	A Dental Assistant I (DA I) is an individual who may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist,	<p>Placement or cementation of final restorations; taking of impressions for final fixed or removable restorations or prostheses; prophylaxis; periodontal</p>

		To qualify to <i>monitor patients under nitrous oxide</i> , a DA I must: ☐☐Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven- hour course in nitrous oxide- oxygen conscious sedation	screening; periodontal probing; subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits; sulcular irrigation; comprehensive examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissues, including laser, air abrasion, or micro-abrasion procedures; placement or removal of sulcular nonresorbable agents; the issuance of prescription drugs, medications, or work authorizations; final placement or intraoral adjustment of a fixed or removable appliance; intraoral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit, or occlusion of any temporary or permanent restoration or appliance; extra-oral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit, or occlusion of any permanent restoration or appliance; performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy; placement of sutures; final placement or cementation of orthodontic bands or brackets; administration of any anesthetic except the administration of topically- applied agents intended to anesthetize only cutaneous tissue; intraoral use of a high speed handpiece
	Dental Assistant II in training (DA II in Training)	A Dental Assistant II in Training (DA II in Training) is an individual who has two years of the preceding five (3,000 hours) of full-time employment and experience as a chairside assistant, during which period the assistant may be trained and allowed to perform the functions of a Dental Assistant II under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist. To qualify to <i>monitor patients under nitrous oxide</i> , a DA II in Training must ☐☐Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven- hour course in nitrous oxide- oxygen conscious sedation	
	Dental Assistant II (DA II)	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of North Carolina, one must be classified as a Dental Assistant II (DA II) . To qualify as a DA II , one must: ☐☐Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification AND ☐☐Successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or one academic year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program OR Complete two years (3,000 hours) of full-time employment and experience as a chairside assistant, radiography training as required by law, and a three- hour course in dental office emergencies and a three-hour course in sterilization and infection control OR Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam To qualify to <i>perform coronal polishing</i> , a DA II must: ☐☐Successfully complete a seven-hour (three hours of didactic and four hours of clinical) coronal polishing course To qualify to <i>monitor patients under nitrous oxide</i> , a DA II must: ☐☐Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven- hour course in ☐nitrous oxide- oxygen conscious sedation	
ND	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of North Dakota may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Scaling, root planing, or gingival curettage; placing or contouring of a final restoration, excluding a crown which has not been cemented by a dentist; placing bases or cavity liners; apply pit and fissure sealants (unless requirements have been met); diagnosis and treatment planning; surgery on hard
	Qualified Dental	To earn status as a Qualified Dental Assistant (QDA) in the state of North	

	Assistant (QDA)	<p>Dakota, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑☑ Complete a North Dakota board-approved infection control seminar and pass the national DANB Radiation Health & Safety (RHS) and Infection Control (ICE) exams and ☑☑ Have been employed and trained as a dental assistant for at least six months (working at least 24 hours per week) and have received at least 650 hours of dental assisting instruction, including on-the- job training and ☑☑ Maintain current CPR certification and ☑☑ Apply to the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners 	<p>or soft tissue; administering of local or general anesthetics; any irreversible dental procedure or procedures which require the professional judgment and skill of a licensed dentist; any intraoral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of any appliance, with the exception of taking impressions for passive post treatment orthodontic retainers which do not replace missing teeth. Dental assistants may take impressions for athletic mouth guards, splints, bleaching trays, or rapid palatal expanders; activating any type of orthodontic appliance; cementing or bonding orthodontic bands or brackets that have not been placed by a dentist; measuring the gingival sulcus with a periodontal probe</p>
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	<p>To earn status as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of North Dakota, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑☑ Hold current national DANB Certification or complete a course in dental assisting from a CODA-accredited program or complete at least 3,200 hours of on-the- job training as a dental assistant and complete a course in dental assisting approved by the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners and ☑☑ Maintain current CPR certification and ☑☑ Apply for registration to the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners 	
	Registered Dental Assistant qualified to apply pit and fissure sealants	<p>To apply pit and fissure sealants in the state of North Dakota under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑☑ Be a Registered Dental Assistant (<i>see requirements below</i>) and ☑☑ Provide documentation of a successful completion of a North Dakota board-approved sealant class 	
OH	Basic Qualified Personnel	<p>Basic Qualified Personnel must be trained directly via an employer/dentist, via a planned sequence of instruction in an educational institution or via in-office training.</p>	<p>Retraction of the gingival sulcus prior to the direct or indirect impression technique; final impressions of any tissue-bearing area upon which a prosthetic restoration is to be placed (not including the taking of impressions for athletic mouthguards or similar appliances); definitive diagnosis and treatment planning; final placement of any fixed or removable appliances; final removal of any fixed appliance; therapeutic intra-oral adjustment of any fixed or removable appliance; cutting procedures utilized in the preparation of the coronal or root portion of the tooth; cutting procedures involving the supportive structures of the tooth; placement of the final root canal filling; occlusal registration procedures for any prosthetic restoration; final placement of pre-fabricated or cast restorations or crowns; diagnosis; treatment planning and prescription, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or</p>
	DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Ohio certified dental assistant	<p>Dental assistants who hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification can also earn Ohio state certification. To qualify as an Ohio certified dental assistant, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑☑ Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification OR ☑☑ Pass the exam administered by the Ohio Commission on Dental Assistant Certification (OCDAC) <p><u>Coronal Polishing:</u> In order to receive a certificate from the OSDB permitting the dental assistant to perform coronal polishing procedures, the DANB CDA or OCDAC certified dental assistant must successfully complete an OSDB-approved training program and successfully pass standardized testing immediately following successful completion of a skills assessment component of an approved training program.</p> <p><u>Pit and Fissure Sealants:</u> DANB CDAs or OCDAC certified dental assistants may perform pit and fissure sealants upon successfully completing a course</p>	

		containing a minimum of two hours of didactic instruction and six hours of clinical instruction. In addition, the supervising dentist must observe the assistant successfully apply at least six sealants.	authorization for restorative, prosthodontic , or orthodontic appliances
	Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)	<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Ohio, a dental assistant <u>must</u> qualify as an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA).</p> <p>To qualify as an EFDA, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Complete a state Board- approved EFDA training course (course may require proof of DANB CDA Certification for entry) <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Pass the EFDA exam administered by the Commission on Dental Testing in Ohio (CODT) <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification <p><u>Note:</u> Dental assistants are required to apply to the OSDB for registration.</p>	
OK	Dental Assistant (Pg. 27)	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Oklahoma may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Placement or removal of restorative materials in a human oral cavity; removal of fully hardened cement; diagnosis; treatment planning; prescription of medications; final placement or removal of orthodontic brackets and bands; surgery or the cutting or severance of hard and soft tissue; placement or adjustment of any removable or fixed prosthesis; administration of injectable local anesthesia; administration of general anesthesia; any procedure that may contribute to or result in an irreversible alteration of the human oral anatomy; those projects allocated exclusively to dental hygienists</p>
	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA) (Pg. 27)	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>12, 33. Placement or removal of restorative materials in a human oral cavity</p> <p>61. Removal of fully hardened cement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis • Treatment planning • Prescription of medications • Final placement or removal of orthodontic brackets and bands • Surgery or the cutting or severance of hard and soft tissue • Placement or adjustment of any removable or fixed prosthesis • Administration of injectable local anesthesia • Administration of general anesthesia • Any procedure that may contribute to or result in an irreversible alteration of the human oral anatomy • Those projects allocated exclusively to dental hygienists 	
OR	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Oregon may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see next page) under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Place any type of cord subgingivally; condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095; place periodontal packs; take jaw registrations or oral impressions for supplying artificial teeth as substitutes for natural teeth, except diagnostic or opposing models or for the fabrication of temporary or provisional restorations or appliances; diagnose or plan</p>
	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)	<p>To perform expanded functions under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant <u>must</u> earn status as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA). To qualify, one must:</p>	

	<p>☑☑ Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiological Proficiency (<i>see requirements to the right</i>)</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☑☑ Complete <u>either</u> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for the Oregon Board of Dentistry's (OBD's) EFDA state certification:</p> <p>(1) Complete a course of instruction in a CODA- accredited program <u>or</u></p> <p>(2) Complete <u>all</u> of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam <u>or</u> the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam, <u>and</u> the Oregon EFDA exam* (all of which are administered by DANB) • Provide certification from a licensed dentist stating that the applicant has completed clinical requirements <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Complete <u>one</u> of the following requirements and apply to the OBD for EFDA state certification by credential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's requirements <u>or</u> • Be certified by an employer dentist that the assistant has been employed for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant (in a state other than Oregon) and is competent to perform the expanded functions <p><u>Note:</u> An EFDA may apply pit and fissure sealants and temporary soft relines to full dentures upon successful completion of a course of instruction (in the desired expanded function) in a CODA-accredited program or other course of instruction approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Dental assistants who have completed specific Board-training and examination can apply to receive a Restorative Function Endorsement to perform the functions listed on the next page.</p>	<p>treatment; cut hard or soft tissue; adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient's mouth; administer or dispense any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, or drugs* ; prescribe any drug; start nitrous oxide; use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high- speed handpiece intra-orally; use lasers, except laser curing lights; use air abrasion or air polishing; remove teeth or parts of tooth structure; apply denture relines; use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient; use ultrasonic equipment intra-orally, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted; correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth or take any action related to the movement of teeth, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted; cement or bond any fixed prosthetic</p>
Anesthesia Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Oregon must hold state certification as an Anesthesia Assistant in order to perform the functions listed on the opposite page.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <p>☑☑ Hold a current Health Care Provider BLS/CPR certification</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☑☑ Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistants Program* conducted by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants Course* conducted by the California</p>	

		<p>Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons <u>OR</u> Have passed the national DANB Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) exam* <u>AND</u> Apply to the Oregon Board of Dentistry for state certification</p>	
	Expanded Functions Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)	<p>To perform expanded orthodontic functions in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA). To qualify, one must: (1) Complete a course of instruction in a CODA- accredited dental assisting program <u>OR</u> Complete <u>all</u> of the following requirements: • Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam or DANB's national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exams* (all administered by DANB) and • Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assisting exam* (administered by DANB) and • Provide certification from a licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully completed the clinical requirements <u>AND</u> (2) Apply to DANB for state certification as an EFODA <u>OR</u> (1) Complete <u>one</u> of the following requirements: • Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's <u>or</u> • Be certified by an employer dentist that the assistant has been employed for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant (in a state other than Oregon and that the assistant is competent to perform the expanded functions <u>AND</u> (2) Apply to the OBD for state certification by credential as an EFODA</p>	
PA	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Pennsylvania may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assistant.</p>	<p>Take impressions other than for study models or diagnostic casts; examine, diagnose, or plan treatment; cut hard or soft tissue; prescribe drugs, medicaments, or lab authorizations; approve the final occlusion; perform pulp capping, pulpotomy, and other endodontic procedures; perform final</p>
	DANB Certified Dental	To perform expanded functions in the state of Pennsylvania under the direct	

	Assistant (CDA)	<p>supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a state certification as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA).</p> <p>To obtain this state certification, one must:</p> <p>☐☐ Graduate from an expanded function dental assisting program at a two-year college or other state board-approved program which offers an Associate Degree</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Graduate from a CODA- accredited dental hygiene school, which requires the successful completion of at least 75 hours of clinical and didactic instruction in restorative functions</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Complete a state certification program in expanded function dental assisting of at least 200 hours of clinical and didactic instruction from either a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or a state board-approved dental assisting program</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Pass a Pennsylvania board- acceptable written exam</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Apply for state certification in expanded functions to the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry</p>	<p>placement/ cementation of fixed and removable prosthetic appliances; administer local anesthesia, parenteral or inhalational sedation, nitrous oxide analgesia, or general anesthesia</p>
RI	Dental Assistant (Part IV)	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Rhode Island may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Placement or removal of bonded orthodontic attachments and/or cementation or removal of orthodontic bands; condensing and carving restorative materials in teeth, except temporary restoratives; taking impressions for models upon which full or partial dentures, or permanent crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, posts, and cores will be fabricated; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescribing medications; administering injectable local anesthetics; administering parenteral conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia/deep sedation; administering inhalants or inhalation conscious sedation agents; adjusting occlusion of fixed and removable prosthodontic appliances; final cementation of permanent crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, and posts and cores; and insertion of final prosthesis; placement of sutures; perform direct pulp capping procedures; orthodontic arch wire activation with the exception of minor adjustments to eliminate pain or</p>
	Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)	<p>To perform expanded functions in the state of Rhode Island under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification.</p> <p>Note: Individuals who have passed the CDA exam but have not renewed are <i>no longer</i> CDAs.</p> <p>In Rhode Island, CDAs may perform the expanded functions listed on the next page provided that they have received academic training in these procedures or completed academic clinical training to clinical competence.</p>	

			discomfort; flush root canal; temporary wire ligation; use of a rotary instrument in the oral cavity unless licensed or certified; oral prophylaxis
SC	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of South Carolina may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	None specified
	Advanced Dental Assistant	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of South Carolina, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) . To qualify, one must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Graduate from a CODA- accredited dental assisting program <u>OR</u> Complete two years of continuous full-time employment as a chairside dental assistant <u>Note:</u> In order to monitor nitrous oxide conscious sedation, EDDAs must complete a course approved by the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry and receive certification by the South Carolina Board. 	
SD	Practical Dental Assistant	<u>Note:</u> Advanced Dental Assistants may apply for a permit to <i>administer</i> nitrous oxide analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist. To qualify, an assistant must be trained in the administration of basic life support and complete a Board-approved educational course. Advanced Dental Assistants who wish to <i>monitor</i> nitrous oxide must complete an eight-hour course in anesthetic assisting and obtain a license from the South Dakota Board of Dentistry.	Placing, finishing, and adjusting of final restorations; cutting of hard or soft tissue; intraoral procedures that will be used directly in the fabrication of a dental prosthesis; irreversible procedures; injection of medication
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of South Dakota, a dental assistant must earn status as an Advanced Dental Assistant . To qualify, one must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Graduate from a CODA- accredited dental assisting program <u>OR</u> Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam or another exam approved by the South Dakota Board of Dentistry <u>OR</u> Hold current certification in another state, if deemed equivalent by the South Dakota Board <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Apply to the Board for licensure as an Advanced Dental Assistant <u>Note:</u> Advanced Dental Assistants may apply for a permit to <i>administer</i> nitrous 	

		<p>oxide analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist. To qualify, an assistant must be trained in the administration of basic life support and complete a Board-approved educational course.</p> <p>Advanced Dental Assistants who wish to <i>monitor</i> nitrous oxide must complete an eight-hour course in anesthetic assisting and obtain a license from the South Dakota Board of Dentistry.</p>	
TN	Registered Dental Assistant qualified to perform expanded functions	<p>To perform expanded functions in the state of Tennessee, Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) <u>must</u> earn state certification by completing the requirements for each of the desired expanded functions listed below: <u>Perform coronal polishing procedures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete a Board- approved coronal polishing course (to qualify, an individual must be an RDA and have been employed as a full-time dental assistant for a minimum of one year prior to applying for the course, or be a current DANB CDA) <u>and</u> ☐☐ Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification <u>and</u> ☐☐ Pass both the written and clinical exams <u>and</u> ☐☐ Receive a certificate in coronal polishing from the Tennessee Board of Dentistry <p><u>Apply sealants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete a Board- approved course in sealant application (to qualify, one must be a current RDA) <u>or</u> be enrolled in a CODA-accredited or TN Board-approved program which offers such a course <u>and</u> ☐☐ Receive a certificate in sealant application from the Board <p><u>Monitor nitrous oxide:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Successfully complete a Board- approved nitrous oxide monitoring course (to qualify, one must be a current RDA) <u>or</u> be enrolled in a CODA-accredited or TN Board-approved program which offers such a course <u>and</u> ☐☐ Receive a certificate in monitoring nitrous oxide from the Board <p><u>Perform restorative and/or prosthetic functions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐ Have a minimum of two years of continuous, full-time registered dental assisting employment <u>and</u> ☐☐ Complete a Board-approved certification course <u>and</u> ☐☐ Receive a certificate in restorative and/or prosthetic functions from the Board <p>Note: RDAs who have successfully completed a comparable training program in expanded functions in another state may be eligible to apply directly to the Board for an expanded functions certificate without additional training. For details see <i>DANB's State Fact Booklet</i> or contact the Tennessee Board of</p>	<p>Examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue, including laser, air abrasion, or micro-abrasion procedures, including curettage or root planning; fitting, adjusting, and placement of prosthodontic appliances; issuance of prescription medications, medications not authorized by T.C.A., or work authorizations; performance of direct pulp capping, pulpotomy, and other endodontic procedures not authorized by T.C.A.; approve the final occlusion; placement of sutures; administration of local anesthesia, nitrous oxide, conscious sedation, or general anesthesia; use of a high-speed handpiece intraorally; utilization of laser equipment and technology; diagnosing of the need for restorations; preparation/cutting of the tooth or soft tissue; modifying existing structure; removal of caries, bases and liners; diagnosing need for any prosthetic appliance; establishing vertical dimension of occlusion and interocclusal records; delivering and/or adjusting appliance; expose radiographs without certification</p>

		Dentistry.	
	Dental Assistant	A Practical Dental Assistant is an auxiliary employee of a licensed dentist(s) who is receiving practical chairside dental assisting training from a licensed dentist(s) or is a dental assistant student in an educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).	
	Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	Registered Dental Assistants in the state of Tennessee may perform the procedures listed for this level on the opposite page. To register as an RDA, one must: ☐☐ Be at least 18 years old <u>and</u> ☐☐ Have a high school diploma or GED certificate <u>and</u> ☐☐ Have a current CPR certificate <u>and</u> ☐☐ Apply for registration to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry	
TX	Dental Assistant qualified to perform expanded functions	To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Texas, a dental assistant must successfully complete the requirements listed below: <u>Apply pit and fissure sealants:</u> ☐☐ Work at least two years as a dental assistant <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Complete a current course in basic life support <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Complete a minimum of 16 hours of Texas Board-approved clinical and didactic education in pit and fissure sealants <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Register with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) <u>Monitor the administration of nitrous oxide:</u> ☐☐ Pass a TSBDE-approved nitrous oxide monitoring course <u>AND</u> ☐☐ Register with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE)	The removal of calculus, deposits, or accretions from the natural and restored surfaces of exposed human teeth and restorations in the human mouth; the placement of any final restoration; the taking of an impression for a final restoration, appliance, or prosthesis; root planing or the smoothing and polishing of roughened root surfaces or exposed human teeth; comprehensive examination or diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue; the prescription of a drug, medication, or work authorization; the making of an intraoral occlusal adjustment; direct pulp capping, pulpotomy, or any other endodontic procedure; the final placement and intraoral adjustment of a fixed or removable appliance; the authority to an individual to administer a local anesthetic agent, inhalation sedative agent, parenteral sedative agent, or general anesthetic agent; diagnosis, treatment planning, prescription of therapeutic measures and reevaluation; placement of site-specific subgingival medicaments; any other act the delegation of which is prohibited by board rule
	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Texas may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist (see opposite page). There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	
UT	Dental Assistant (Sec. R156-69-603.)	A dental assistant in the state of Utah may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Place, condense, carve, finish, or polish restorative materials, or perform final cementation; render definitive treatment diagnosis; cut hard or soft tissue or extract teeth; remove stains, deposits, or accretions (except as is incidental to polishing teeth coronally with a rubber cup); initially introduce nitrous oxide and oxygen to a patient for the

			purpose of establishing and recording a safe plane of analgesia for the patient (except under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist); remove bonded materials from the teeth with a rotary dental instrument or use any rotary dental instrument within the oral cavity (except to polish teeth coronally with a rubber cup); take jaw registrations or oral impressions for supplying artificial teeth as substitutes for natural teeth (except for diagnostic or opposing models for the fabrication of temporary or provisional restorations or appliances); correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, or make an adjustment that will result in the movement of teeth upon an appliance which is worn in the mouth; perform sub-lingual instrumentation; render decisions concerning the use of drugs, their dosage, or prescription
VT	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA) (Part 7.10)	To perform expanded functions in the state of Vermont under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) . To qualify, one must: ☐☐ Hold a current national DANB Certification AND ☐☐ Be employed by a Vermont licensed dentist AND ☐☐ Successfully complete a formal program in each of the desired expanded functions at a CODA-accredited program of dental assisting AND ☐☐ Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for registration	Diagnosis, treatment planning, and prescription, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances; surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy
	Dental Assistant (part 7)	Dental assistants who hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification can also earn Vermont state certification. To qualify, one must: ☐☐ Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification AND ☐☐ Be employed by a Vermont licensed dentist AND ☐☐ Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for registration	
VA	Dental Assistant <i>qualified in anesthesia administration</i>	A dental assistant in the state of Virginia who assists in the administration and monitoring of any form of conscious sedation or deep sedation/general anesthesia must meet one of the following requirements: ☐☐ Minimal training resulting in current certification in basic resuscitation techniques, such as Basic Cardiac Life Support or an approved, clinically	Performing an initial examination of teeth and surrounding tissues including the charting of carious lesions, periodontal pockets or other abnormal conditions for assisting the dentist in the diagnosis; placement of retraction cord; scaling and root planing of natural and restored teeth using hand

		oriented course devoted primarily to responding to clinical emergencies offered by an approved provider of continuing education <u>OR</u> Current certification as a certified anesthesia assistant by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons or the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology	instruments, rotary instruments and ultrasonic devices; condensing, contouring, or adjusting any final, fixed, or removable prosthodontic appliance or restoration in the mouth; taking impressions for master casts to be used for prosthetic restoration of teeth or oral structures; final diagnosis and treatment planning; performing surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescribing or parenterally administering drugs or medicaments; authorization of work orders for any appliance or prosthetic device or restoration to be inserted into a patient's mouth; operation of high speed rotary instruments in the mouth; performing pulp capping procedures; administering general anesthetics and conscious sedation; administering nitrous oxide or oxygen inhalation analgesia; final positioning and attachment of orthodontic bonds and bands; final cementation of crowns and bridges; polishing of natural and restored teeth using air polishers; performing a clinical examination of teeth and surrounding tissues including the charting of carious lesions, periodontal pockets or other abnormal conditions for further evaluation and diagnosis by the dentist; subgingival irrigation or subgingival application of topical Schedule VI medicinal agents; duties appropriate to the education and experience of the dental hygienist and the practice of the supervising dentist
	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Virginia may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) under the direction of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	
WA	Registered Dental Assistant	Every dental assistant in the state of Washington must be registered. To be eligible for registration as a dental assistant, one must: ☐☐☐ Provide a completed application on forms provided by the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission <u>AND</u> ☐☐☐ Pay applicable fees <u>AND</u> ☐☐☐ Provide evidence of completion of seven clock hours of AIDS education and training as required by chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8 <u>AND</u> ☐☐☐ Provide any other information determined by the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission The dental assistant registration must be renewed annually on or before the dental assistant's birthday.	Scaling procedures; removal of or addition to the hard or soft natural tissue of the oral cavity (except for placing and carving direct restorations by an EFDA); diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure; administration of general or local anesthetic, including intravenous sedation; oral prophylaxis [except coronal polishing as part of oral prophylaxis as defined in WAC 246-817- 510 and 246-817-520(8)]; intra-orally adjust occlusal of inlays, crowns, and bridges; intra-orally finish margins of inlays, crowns, and bridges; cement or recement, permanently, any cast restoration or

		<p>A registered dental assistant in the state of Washington may earn an endorsement in sealant/fluoride varnish solely for the purpose of treating children in school-based programs. For information about requirements visit www.doh.wa.gov.</p>	<p>stainless steel crown; incise gingiva or other soft tissue; elevate soft tissue flap; luxate teeth; curette to sever epithelial attachment; suture; establish occlusal vertical dimension for dentures; try-in of dentures set in wax; insertion and post-insertion adjustments of dentures; endodontic treatment (open, extirpate pulp, ream and file canals, establish length of tooth, fill root canal); use of any light or electronic device for invasive procedures; intra-oral air abrasion or mechanical etching devices; place direct pulp caps; fit and adjust occlusal guards. In addition to the functions listed above, the following functions are not permitted by a <u>registered dental assistant</u>:</p> <p>Placing of permanent or semi-permanent restorations in natural teeth; taking impressions of the teeth or jaws for the purpose of fabricating any intra-oral restoration, appliances, or prosthesis.</p>
	Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)	<p>To become an Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) in Washington, a dental assistant must:</p> <p>☐☐ Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Be DANB CDA Certified through CDA/GC pathway II; in addition to DANB's requirements, the candidate must take an additional dental assisting review course</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Complete an EFDA course approved by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC)</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Pass the Washington State Restorative Exam (WARE) administered by DANB</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Pass the clinical exam administered by the Western Regional Examining Board</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>☐☐ Apply to DQAC for an EFDA license.</p>	
WV	Dental Assistant (pg. 15)	<p>A dental assistant in the state of West Virginia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Diagnosis, treatment planning and prescription (including prescriptions for drugs and medicaments or authorizations for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances); surgical procedures on hard and soft tissue within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy</p>
	Dental Assistant qualified in expanded duties	<p>A dental assistant in the state of West Virginia may qualify to perform the expanded duties listed on the opposite page upon completing a course and exam in each of the desired expanded duties. The course must be approved by the West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners (WVBDE).</p> <p>Note: Dental assistants who visually monitor nitrous oxide analgesia units are also required to hold current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification through the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, and apply to the WVBDE for approval.</p>	
WI	Dental Assistant	<p>A dental assistant in the state of Wisconsin may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Any procedure of a character which may cause damage to the patient's teeth or oral cavity which cannot be remedied without professional intervention; any procedure of a character which may cause adverse or unintended general systemic reaction; any procedures which are intended,</p>

			interpreted, or represented to be preliminary assessments, dental hygiene treatment planning, oral screenings, oral prophylaxes, scaling or root planing, or dental sealants, or any portion of an oral prophylaxis other than supragingival rubber cup and air polishing after calculus is removed if necessary
WY	Dental Assistant	A dental assistant in the state of Wyoming may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.	Removal of tooth structure for the placement of orthodontic appliances; activate an orthodontic appliance; diagnosis for orthodontic treatment; remove direct bond attachments; any procedure billed as a prophylaxis

Dental Assisting Functions List

The following is a list of 70 dental assisting tasks developed by the ADAA/DANB Alliance in the course of its research. These selected tasks were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.

Functions in each state that correspond to the national Core Competency Study functions are **numbered** in the Career Ladder Template, using language directly from the state's dental practice act. Functions listed with **bullets** in the Career Ladder Template are part of the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research.

1. Perform mouth mirror inspection of the oral cavity
2. Chart existing restorations or conditions
3. Phone in prescriptions at the direction of the dentist
4. Receive and prepare patients for treatment, including seating, positioning chair, and placing napkin
5. Complete laboratory authorization forms
6. Place and remove retraction cord
7. Perform routine maintenance of dental equipment
8. Monitor and respond to post- surgical bleeding
9. Perform coronal polishing procedures
10. Apply effective communication techniques with a variety of patients
11. Transfer dental instruments
12. Place amalgam for condensation by the dentist
13. Remove sutures
14. Dry canals
15. Tie in archwires
16. Demonstrate knowledge of ethics/ jurisprudence/patient confidentiality
17. Identify features of rotary instruments
18. Apply topical fluoride
19. Select and manipulate gypsums and waxes

20. Perform supragingival scaling
21. Mix dental materials
22. Expose radiographs
23. Evaluate radiographs for diagnostic quality
24. Provide patient preventive education and oral hygiene instruction
25. Perform sterilization and disinfection procedures
26. Provide pre- and post-operative instructions
27. Place and remove dental dam
28. Pour, trim, and evaluate the quality of diagnostic casts
29. Size and place orthodontic bands and brackets
30. Using the concepts of four- handed dentistry, assist with basic restorative procedures, including prosthodontics and restorative dentistry
31. Identify intraoral anatomy
32. Demonstrate understanding of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard
33. Place, cure and finish composite resin restorations
34. Place liners and bases
35. Place periodontal dressings
36. Demonstrate understanding of the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard
37. Take and record vital signs
38. Monitor vital signs
39. Clean and polish removable appliances and prostheses
40. Apply pit and fissure sealants
41. Prepare procedural trays/ armamentaria set-ups
42. Place orthodontic separators
43. Size and fit stainless steel crowns
44. Take preliminary impressions
45. Place and remove matrix bands
46. Take final impressions
47. Fabricate and place temporary crowns
48. Maintain field of operation during dental procedures through the use of retraction, suction, irrigation, drying, placing and removing cotton rolls, etc.
49. Perform vitality tests
50. Place temporary fillings
51. Carve amalgams
52. Process dental radiographs
53. Mount and label dental radiographs
54. Remove temporary crowns and cements
55. Remove temporary fillings
56. Apply topical anesthetic to the injection site
57. Demonstrate understanding of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines
58. Using the concepts of four- handed dentistry, assist with basic intraoral surgical procedures, including extractions, periodontics, endodontics, and implants
59. Monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia
60. Maintain emergency kit
61. Remove permanent cement from supragingival surfaces

- 62. Remove periodontal dressings
- 63. Place post-extraction dressings
- 64. Fabricate custom trays, to include impression and bleaching trays, and athletic mouthguards
- 65. Recognize basic medical emergencies
- 66. Recognize basic dental emergencies
- 67. Respond to basic medical emergencies
- 68. Respond to basic dental emergencies
- 69. Remove post-extraction dressings
- 70. Place stainless steel crown

Levels of Supervision

An important consideration in the discussion of the delegation of tasks to dental assistants is that of supervision of dental assistants by their dentist-employers. The American Dental Association (ADA) has identified four levels of supervision for dental auxiliaries, including dental assistants, which it defines in its “Comprehensive Policy Statement on Allied Dental Personnel,” (2006: 307) which is part of its *Current Policies*, last updated in 2007. Note that “allied dental personnel” refers to dental assistants, dental hygienists, and dental laboratory technicians.

The four levels of supervision defined by the ADA are as follows:

Personal supervision. A dentist is personally operating on a patient and authorizes the allied dental personnel to aid treatment by concurrently performing a supportive procedure.

Direct supervision. A dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the allied dental personnel.

Indirect supervision. A dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel, and will evaluate the performance of the allied dental personnel.

General supervision. A dentist is not required to be in the dental office or treatment facility when procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel, but has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, has personally authorized the procedures, and will evaluate the performance of the allied dental personnel.

Furthermore, the ADA’s Comprehensive Policy Statement on Allied Dental Personnel stipulates that intraoral expanded functions should be performed by allied dental personnel “only under the direct supervision of a dentist.”